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bad turned to the worst, as her husband suffered complications from heart surgery. Mary laid her husband Paul Binsfield, 71, to rest after services at Holy Family Church on Tuesday.

With her husband gone, Mary looks back fondly at the decades of memories they shared. She recalls moving to Duxbury 30 years ago, first living on Buckboard Road before moving to their home on Priscilla Lane. She remembers the way her husband, a former marine, balanced life as a lawyer for corporations such as Honeywell with his hobbies.

"He loved golf," she said. "He would golf all summer and all winter long."

Mary said Paul was a member of the Duxbury Yacht Club and the hunting organization Nooseneck Hill Club in Rhode Island. He stayed active by kayaking Duxbury Bay in the summer and cross country skiing in the winter. He would also entertain family and friends by playing board games and card games.

Although only partially retired Mary said Paul combined his interests in the financial market and his love for the bay by serving as a member of the fiscal advisory committee and the shellfish advisory committee. Although unable to attend town meeting this year due to his illness, Paul was an active member of the fiscal advisory board. He had been reappointed to another term on the shellfish advisory committee last June.

The news of his death came as a surprise to Fiscal Advisory Chairman Frank Mangione.

"We will miss his wise input," Mangione said.

For Shellfish Advisory Chairman Alan Hoban, the loss of Paul Binsfield was the loss of a mentor.

"I just stepped in as chair after Jim Pye, and I was looking to the older members for guidance," Hoban said. "Paul showed me the ropes. He was invaluable to me...the depth of his knowledge of the town. Paul made you feel comfortable with sitting back and learning. He was very insightful, very caring about the shellfish community."

Hoban shared a story about



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a young lady, who was a Duxbury native who had left town to attend college and had returned wanting to apprentice in the aquaculture industry. Nervously, she made her case before the board. Hoban remembers Paul helping the young woman calm down.

Paul also took charge when members of a subcommittee consisting of himself and Hoban representing the Shellfish Advisory Committee began working with members of the Bay Management Commission. The group went to meet and realized they were locked out of town hall. Instead of panicking, Hoban said Paul took out his cell phone and called up Mary.

"He asked her if she could go get his briefcase and retrieve the password to get into the building," Hoban said. "Paul was always calm in a crisis. He was civic minded, a remarkable individual who strived to be low key."

Hoban said the last time he saw Paul was as the two were leaving a shellfish advisory meeting in February.

"He said he was going to have triple-bypass surgery," Hoban said. "He was as fit as a fiddle. It's hard to believe he's gone. It will be tough to go back to work on the subcommittee without him. It's a huge hole and no one can fill that. He couldn't do enough for the town."

But now the town can give back to Paul. Mary and her family are asking that in lieu of flowers, residents make donations to Holy Family Church, Families in Crisis Fund, the Holy Family Mortgage Fund, or the American Heart Association.

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Loved ones share memories

By MORAG MACLACHLAN

For Mary Ann Frisch all it took was a blind date organized by her sister to get her hooked on the man who would become her husband.

Her sister's fiancé and Mary's date were best friends who attended college together. Mary went on the blind date in the man's home state of Wisconsin. The couple fell in love and got married when they were barely 20 years old.

She stood by her husband's side as he earned a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's

College in Winona, Minn., a law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minn. and an MBA from the University of Chicago.



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Together the pair enjoyed raising their three sons Mark, Kevin and Tony and their only daughter Laura. Mary and her husband adored their nine grandchildren Anthony, Brandon, Matt, Scott, Ryan, Nicole, Jessica, Aaron and Ani.

In the good and in the bad, Mary was there. Sadly, the

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Obituaries

Paul Binsfield, 71

Paul Meath Binsfield died unexpectedly Mar. 22 from surgical complications. He was 71.

Born in Ashland, Wis., he was the son of the late Paul and Loretta Binsfield. Mr. Binsfield leaves wife, the former Mary Ann Frisch of LaCrosse, Wis.; his children, Mark and Valerie Binsfield and their four children Scott, Ryan, Jessica and Nicole of Lisbon, Iowa; Kevin and Elizabeth Binsfield of Montpelier, Va.; Laura and Steve Derderian and their two children, Aaron and Ani, of Westwood; and Tony and Tammy Binsfield and their three children Brandon and Matthew of Duxbury and Anthony of Plymouth. He

was the brother of Marjorie Fallon of Oak Park, Ill, Jim Binsfield of Duluth, Minn. and the late Betty Morgan of Calif.

Mr. Binsfield was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He was a sharpshooter, which would come as no surprise to those who knew him as a hunting partner. He received his B.A. from St. Mary's College of Winona, Minn., his J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minn. and his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago.

He was a member of the Duxbury Yacht Club and the Nooseneck Hill Club and devoted considerable energy to various town committees.

A happy gardener, he had an ongoing contest with his neighbor, to have the first and best summer tomatoes. He was known by his grandchildren as quite the mischievous grandpa. Although he didn't care for sweets, he was famous for distracting his grandchildren in order to sample their desserts. He was known for saying to his son Mark, "Don't sweat the small stuff."

Remembrances in Paul's name may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church, the Families in Crisis Fund, the church mortgage fund, or the American Heart Association.